

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

ZACKARY ELLIS SANDERS,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:20-cr-00143
Honorable T.S. Ellis, III
Hearing: August 27, 2021
Trial: October 19, 2021

**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO SEAL
PORTIONS OF REPLY TO GOVERNMENT OPPOSITION**

Defendant, Zackary Ellis Sanders, by counsel, moves this Honorable Court, pursuant to Local Crim. R. 49 for entry of an Order sealing portions of his Reply to the Government's Opposition to his Motion to Supplement the Record and Renew his Motion to Compel Exculpatory Material or, in the Alternative, to Submit Exculpatory Material for *In Camera* Review. A proposed order is attached for the consideration of the Court.¹ The government has previously consented to Mr. Sanders filing under seal material that it considers to be subject to the protective order, that it considers particularly sensitive, or that has previously been filed under seal. Mr. Sanders seeks sealing for the same reasons here. In support of this motion, the defense further states:

I. Portions to be Redacted, and Necessity for Sealing

A. Mr. Sanders asks the Court to seal portions of his Reply, which pertain to and refer to material that the government believes is under a protective order, that the government believes

¹ The document to be filed under seal will be filed with the Court non-electronically pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 49(E) and the Electronic Case Filing Policies and Procedures (*see* p. 21). Pursuant to the Local Rules, the sealed document is to be treated as sealed pending the outcome of this motion.

is most sensitive, and/or that has been previously filed under seal. *See* Dkt. 28. The defense has endeavored to seal only the minimum necessary portion of its Reply and files a redacted version on the public docket.

B. Filing portions of the Reply under seal is necessary because it contains discussion of material that the government considers under a protective order, that the government considers most sensitive, and/or that has previously been filed under seal. *See* Dkt. 28. Because of the information contained in the Reply, it should be filed with redacted portions under seal.

C. Counsel for Mr. Sanders has considered procedures other than filing under seal and none will suffice to protect disclosure of this information that the government considers subject to a protective order or most sensitive, or that has previously been filed under seal.

II. Previous Court Decisions Which Concern Sealing Documents

The Court has the inherent power to seal materials submitted to it. *See United States v. Wuagneux*, 683 F.2d 1343, 1351 (11th Cir. 1982); *State of Arizona v. Maypenny*, 672 F.2d 761, 765 (9th Cir. 1982); *Times Mirror Company v. United States*, 873 F.2d 1210 (9th Cir. 1989); *see also Shea v. Gabriel*, 520 F.2d 879 (1st Cir. 1975); *United States v. Hubbard*, 650 F.2d 293 (D.C. Cir. 1980); *In re Braughton*, 520 F.2d 765, 766 (9th Cir. 1975). “The trial court has supervisory power over its own records and may, in its discretion, seal documents if the public’s right of access is outweighed by competing interests.” *In re Knight Pub. Co.*, 743 F.2d 231, 235 (4th Cir. 1984).

III. Period of Time to Have Portions of the Reply Under Seal

The material to be filed under seal would need to remain sealed as long as the protective order remains in effect.

Accordingly, Mr. Sanders respectfully requests that this Court enter an order permitting portions of his Reply to be filed under seal.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 23rd day of August 2021, the foregoing was served electronically on the counsel of record through the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia Electronic Document Filing System (ECF) and the document is available on the ECF system.

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